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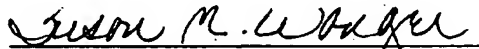
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 28, 2005, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 20 of this paper.

**Claims 14-22, 25-33, 36-40, 44, 46-48 and 57-58**

Claims 14-22, 25-33, 36-40, 44, 46-48 and 57-58 are patentable by virtue of their respective dependencies from claims 12, 23, 34, 41, 45 and 55.

**Rejection Of Claims 3, 5, 13, 24, 35, 42, 43, 52, 56 and 59 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

**As Being Unpatentable Over Anderson**

Claims 3, 5, 13, 24, 35, 42, 43, 52, 56 and 59 are patentable by virtue of their respective dependencies from claims 1, 12, 23, 34, 41, 50 and 55.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, all claims remaining in the application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 425.455.5575. **The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned to discuss this paper prior to issuing a rejection of the claims in response thereto.**

In the event additional fees are due as a result of this amendment, you are hereby authorized to charge such payment to Deposit Account No. 07-1897.

Respectfully submitted,



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